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SUBJECT: MAY 28 PRESS BRIEFING ON KIDNAPPED STUDENTS IN
TANZANIA

REF: STATE 124094 AND KINSHASA 4471

1. AFTER STUDYING TRANSCRIPT (DEPREFTEL) WHICH ARRIVED
HERE LATE MAY 29, FROM MY PAROCHIAL POINT OF VIEW I HOPE
UNFORTUNATE AP STORY FROM DAR PROVES TO BE ONE-DAY
SENSATION AND THAT DEPARTMENT CAN HOLD LINE THAT WE ARE
IN EFFECTIVE DAILY CONTACT WITH GOZ AND THAT THERE ARE
INDEED SUBSTANTIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY GOZ IN
HELPFUL SENSE BUT THAT GIVEN DELICATE NATURE OF SITUATION
INVOLVING STUDENTS' SAFETY, US GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN
POSITION TO GIVE SPECIFIC PROOF.

2. IF DEPARTMENT CONCLUDES IT MUST GO FURTHER, I SUPPOSE
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STATEMENTS THAT AMERICANS AND OTHERS IN LAKE

TANGANYIKA AREA OBSERVED PATROL BOATS' SWEEPS AND
OTHER INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT
SEARCHES, FOLLOWING OUR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN
SEARCH, MIGHT BE CITED BUT THIS WILL ONLY LEAD TO
QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT GOZ IS DOING FOR US LATELY AND
THOSE QUESTIONS MUST NOT BE ANSWERED UNTIL WE HAVE GOZ
PUBLIC ACTION TO REPORT.

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